

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

**Germans Threaten Quick Attack
When the Russian Delegates
Reject Peace Terms.**

DEMAND BALTIC PROVINCES

Proletariat of Austria-Hungary on
Eve of a Revolt—Turks Lose Two
Big Cruisers—Secretary Bak-
er's Management Hotly
Criticism by Senator
Chamberlain.

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Encouraged by the growing strength of the Fatherland party, the pan-Germans have thrown aside the mask they have worn in their dealings with the Russians and shown their true face. At the last meeting of the delegates at Brest-Litovsk, before adjournment to January 29, General Hoffman told the bolsheviks frankly that Germany must have Courland and all the Baltic provinces, and that if Russia did not consent the German armies would move at once and within a week would occupy Riga. When asked about the territory south of Brest-Litovsk, Hoffman replied that Germany would settle that only with the Ukrainians. The request of the Russians for a recess that they might consult on the German terms was grudgingly granted with the assertion that no further postponements would be allowed.

The Russian delegates thereupon voted unanimously to reject the German terms and departed for Petrograd to submit the question of peace or war to the congress of soldiers and workmen's delegates, with which the final decision rests.

That the Germans are able to carry out their threats against Russia there can be little doubt. The bolshevik leaders realize their helplessness and have issued "to all" an official wall telling how they have been deceived and how monstrous are the demands of the Germans. In Petrograd and Moscow the bolsheviks are struggling to maintain their power, putting in jail large numbers of their opponents on charges of plotting a counter-revolution, and taking any other coercive steps that promise to help them. If they can prevent it, they do not intend that their principles of "self-definition" and personal liberty shall apply at home. They promptly dissolved the constituent assembly because they could not control its deliberations.

So loud has become the popular outcry against the rule of the bolsheviks and so great the disorder in Russia that German parliamentary leaders are seriously questioning whether it is wise for the central powers to negotiate further with a government that may be swept away any day.

The Ukrainians, according to late dispatches, are proceeding amicably in their negotiations with Germany and Austria and are about ready to sign a separate peace.

Japan, which holds itself responsible for the preservation of peace in the far East, is ready to take radical steps to put an end to the increasing disorders in Siberia, according to Premier Terauchi who addressed the opening session of the Japanese diet. He reiterated his country's absolute loyalty and fidelity to the allies and its determination not to sheathe the sword until an honorable peace is secured.

In Finland there is growing disorder and the socialist red guards and government militia have fought several considerable battles, notably at Viborg and Davidstad. The red guards are aided by Russian soldiers while the peasants are supporting the government forces.

The Austro-Hungarian government has been trending on thin ice for two weeks. A great peace-demand wave swept over the nation and more than a million workers went on strike, the war industries being absolutely paralyzed. The government was forced to accept the socialist's demands as to food, communal woman suffrage and nonmilitarism of war industries, and thereupon most of the strikers returned to their work. The trouble was only partly allayed, however, and the radicals made further demands and reiterated their call for a general peace by understanding.

The Austrian masses are determined that at least peace shall be made with Russia, and if this is not done their words and actions betoken a revolution that will remove the dual monarchy from the alliance of the central powers. Germany is awake to the danger of this defection and the militarists there are manifesting great irritation toward Austria because they think Emperor Charles and his govern-

ANOTHER MODERN GARAGE WILL BE BUILT IN TUCUMCARI

The contract has been let to Miller Bros. by George Eager for the erection of a fine new modern garage on the lots across the street from the City Offices. The new building is to be built of rock with composition roof and will be nearly fire-proof. It will have a show room and a room for auto accessories in the front; a large storage room and a well-lighted workshop in the rear. The plans and specifications were drawn by L. C. Miller, of the local firm, and will show up with the best of them. Mr. Miller has had considerable experience along this line of work and the construction of this "all home made modern business house" will be watched with much interest.

The building will be 52 x 142 and will cost \$7500. Work will begin as soon as possible. There will be no delay on account of material as the rock will be quarried near town and the lumber will be bought from the local yards and the contractors will rush the work as fast as possible.

COLD WEATHER BLIZZARDS REPORTED BY GOVERNMENT

Santa Fe, Jan. 28, 1918.—The Weather has instituted a new service for the benefit of the live stock interests of the State and the adjoining states. This will consist of special forecasts and warnings of severe cold waves, high winds and snows and other streaks of weather which are injurious to the stock. These will be issued as far as possible in advance and will be sent by telegraph at Government expense to be given general distribution. And in addition to these centralized messages by telegraph the forecast and warnings will be given to the Mountain States Tel. and Tel. Co., and connecting lines where they will be available to all who are interested. We hope that the patrons of the phone lines throughout the State will "get the habit" of calling up "Central" for the daily forecasts, but especially for these warnings.

Saturday was a nice warm day in Tucumcari and the forecast was received during the morning of a storm or sudden drop in temperature on its way here. It came and Sunday was a snow cold day. Another message received Wednesday morning said it was going to be zero weather late in the evening, and it hit the mark. The thermometers were below zero early and some say it was the coldest night of the winter.

Nearly whole herds of cattle have been lost in parts of the west, no farther away than Dalhart. A number of stock have died from cold in this county but some of the cattlemen report the fact that they have not yet had to feed their stock as their grass was sufficient and the stock is doing fine.

NICE RESIDENCE BURNS

The house of J. L. Curbello in the southwest part of town, caught fire early Wednesday morning and was completely burned to the ground. The fire boys made their usual quick response to the call but the fire was beyond control when they arrived and nothing much could be done. The family barely escaped with their lives and none of the household goods or clothing were saved. The fire was first discovered about four o'clock and the alarm immediately turned in. The family or most of the members were asleep and a cold wind was blowing from the east when the mother and children were forced to hurry out of the burning building and take refuge at the neighbors out of the cold. Mr. Curbello had only owned the place a short time, having purchased it from J. A. Wright, who moved to California after he sold his saloon. The house was partly insured but no insurance was carried on the household goods. The loss is a severe one and Mr. Curbello and family have the sympathy of the entire citizenship.

TOM GENTRY IN THE NAVY

Thos. Gentry, Sr., is here from Albuquerque visiting his daughter, Miss Lee Gentry, cashier at Goodman's. He likes his new home very well but was here on business as well as pleasure. He had just received a letter from Tom his son, who was well known here on account of his athletic ability. Tom is now with the Navy. In a telegram he said he left Frisco Dec. 20 and went via Panama Canal, arriving in New York Jan. 10. He is on board a U-Boat Chaser which uses oil for fuel and is fast enough to make 48 knots an hour. He has been advanced until he is now first fireman. He has bought two Liberty Bonds and sends quite a sum home each month. In fact Tom is making good and can be depended upon to do his part. He's not afraid of the "Kaiser" himself.

RAILROAD MEN'S SERVICE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUN.

There will be a special service for the railroad men and their families Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The Railroad quartette will sing and Mrs. Saxon has arranged for other music. The minister is an ex-railroad man and can talk from personal experience. Boys come out and have a good time. The subject is "The Value of a Man." Morning service at 11 o'clock. The subject "The Hope of the Christian."

LAS VEGAS BASKET- BALL TEAMS HERE TO- MORROW--TWO GAMES

The Las Vegas High School basketball team will be here Friday night for a big double header. These games that will be played on the local court this year. Las Vegas is known over the entire state for the high class basketball that she has been putting out for the past few years, and she comes to Tucumcari this year, not lacking in her usual form. At the same time Coach Jackson has a great surprise for the Tucumcari fans, in the new line-up that he plans to use. He has demonstrated his ability to make a road team, and the work at Santa Rosa last Friday night proved beyond a doubt that he has found a winning combination for the Tucumcari High School. His men are not as classy or exceptional in their play as they might be but they are playing together and using good team work, that clinches the big end of the score in the final count.

Of the girls teams we can only say that they can be depended upon to do their best at all times, and although Coach Wesson is working with a new bunch of material this year, the dope is favorable to having a winning team. Last consistent playing marked their victory at Santa Rosa Friday night. With the proper support from the Tucumcari fans the high school has a good chance for at least one championship team.

In regard to the games of the past, we might say that they have so far failed to much more than pay expenses and for which reason the Faculty and the Student Council have decided that unless the game Friday night pays expenses it will close the season for Tucumcari High this year. Your support in these games will be greatly appreciated by the management of the High School Association. Everybody come Friday night and HELP Tucumcari take these two games from Las Vegas. A little honest rooting and appreciative crowds do a world of good for your favorite team.

The new line-up of the boys is Elfort, center; Reeder and Dixon guards; Schaff and Phillips forwards. The girls are the same as played Ft. Sumner. That's enough.

PALMILLA FIBRE COMPANY

E. M. Hiday, manager of the Palmilla Fibre Co., is visiting the east part of the county in the interest of his company. Several thousand dollars must be raised to build a factory large enough to take care of the business that will be expected of the mill by the large cordage companies of the East who expect to buy this fiber in car-load quantities. The folks at home will be given first opportunity to buy stock in the company so the majority of the stock will remain at home.

The process of making fiber from bear grass has been patented and word was received by Mr. Haas Wednesday that same was accepted by the government. The machines will be patented and the taking stock in the company will be fully protected.

WOULD LIKE TO KNOW?

In this time of conservation I believe the citizens of Tucumcari should do their bit along lines hitherto untried in this vicinity.

There are four or five protestant churches here having services every Sunday, each preacher having not more than seventy-five or one hundred in his congregation. Why not conserve fuel and lights during the next two months at least by having union services?

Would it not be an inspiration to any man to preach to three or four hundred people? Would not the different denominations enjoy hearing the other ministers? Preachers, take a vote of your people and see. And what a chorus all the choirs combined would make!

Another pace to conserve is in the moving picture shows. Let the family spend Sunday afternoons and evenings at home or at church, and that family will have more money to spend for the necessities of life and will have time to read or hear a good sermon and good music. The fuel and lights used on Sundays by these picture shows would keep a family warm several days.

Our President is asking us to tag our coal shovels. Why should the coal shovel of the home be tagged and the shovel of the moving picture man be allowed to be used on a day when it could well be allowed to rest? Why is it necessary that our drug stores keep open on Sunday? Let us give these people one day in seven to rest, and also conserve fuel at the same time.

Buy your pills on Saturday and let the drug man go to the union services. Let us ask ourselves the question: "Are we doing all we can to win the war?" If we are not, let us begin NOW.

LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR A GREATER TUCUMCARI

That the Board of Directors of the Tucumcari Chamber of Commerce intend to create a business body that shall be fully equipped for aggressive community-building work is the announcement contained in the letters mailed to hundreds of citizens on Tuesday of this week.

Founded upon the excellent work performed by the Quay County Chamber of Commerce, an entirely new organization is to be made, and the new organization will be housed on the ground floor of the new Masonic Temple, and provided with a well-equipped office and conference rooms, a rest room, and other conveniences.

The old Chamber of Commerce room has witnessed busy seasons during the past week, where a staff of competent workers have been busily engaged in preparing for the rebuilding campaign. At a meeting of the Board of Directors a few days ago full details of the new plans were discussed and agreed upon.

Mr. C. B. Hamilton was selected as chairman of the Campaign Committee. The other members of the Executive Committee are A. D. Goldenberg, T. A. Muirhead, H. Bonem, Ales Street, H. Goodman, U. S. Devor, Elmer Edwards, Dr. C. M. Standill, and J. E. O'Rourke.

The Board of Directors also authorized the appointment of a Citizens' Advisory Committee, this being created to assist the Board in working out the new platform of activities.

Those chosen for this work are: H. B. Jones, C. D. Beeth, Dr. W. F. Noble, R. A. Dodson, W. J. Eitzen, L. G. Pearson, R. A. Prentice, Eugene Gordon, S. M. Wharton, J. F. Ward, J. A. Dykes, J. B. Taylor, Ed. F. Saxon, James Hand-din, H. K. Grubbs, F. Caruthers, Hon. Albert Calisch, C. H. Hittson, Dr. C. H. Ferguson, Jas. Conwell, W. A. Foy, J. W. Corn, Rev. E. J. Hoering, Joseph Israel, E. G. Jacobs, Ira J. Briscoe, A. Vorenberg, I. McLaren, D. J. Finegan, Jacob Wertheim, C. H. Meeker, W. B. Reeder, H. H. McElroy, Ira E. Furr, C. E. Hawkins, R. P. Donohoe, R. Z. Boyer, Dr. A. D. Catterson, L. A. Dealy, and H. C. Markham.

For several months past, members of the Board of Directors and other interested citizens have been making a careful survey of conditions in many cities and towns in other parts of America where progress and prosperity have been achieved through efficient organization and zealous co-operation. These men have finally approved the plan for establishing in Tucumcari a Chamber of Commerce founded upon the principles so successfully followed in many other communities in the United States.

This step is not in any sense a criticism of past accomplishments in Tucumcari. Many splendid things have been accomplished but the new movement is in recognition of the fact that Tucumcari must have and is entitled to the very best methods in organization procedure, if she is to maintain her stride and keep in step with the many possibilities for real development in Eastern New Mexico.

"It is not our intention to be satisfied with a mere average Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. C. B. Hamilton, chairman of the Campaign Committee. "We have gone slowly and cautiously and examined with thoroughness the general plan of organization adopted everywhere in successful commercial organizations in the United States, and we confidently expect to build an organization that for numerical strength of membership, financial resources, ability of officials, directors, and committees, will give to Tucumcari a position among the cities of the country incomparably far above every other city of our class. We have the men, the energy, and the money here and with the united support of all business and professional men we can make Tucumcari go forward in a way that will surprise ourselves and convince any 'doubting Thomases'."

The following is the first announcement of the Campaign Committee: You will be interested to know of the plans of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce to establish in Tucumcari a strong and efficient commercial and civic body devoted to the development and betterment of this city and surrounding country.

The Quay County Chamber of Commerce has been doing some very efficient work. We believe you will agree that if our Chamber of Commerce had been properly equipped with a thoroughly representative membership, adequate finances, and active personal service, that we could have done much more efficient work.

In these days of national stress and changing business conditions, men all over America are beginning to learn anew the importance of concerted action and team work. Civic pride, faith in ourselves and in our community, belief in the opportunities for future

growth and development, willingness to work for the community, state, and nation—these constitute the true essentials of a good citizen.

The Board of Directors has carefully analyzed the methods of business organizations in many towns and the cities of America and propose to create a new Chamber of Commerce modeled along lines that are now recognized as uniform throughout the cities of the United States. We have also been making a very careful study of the needs of this community and we propose to establish here an organization with your help, that shall be fully equipped to work out every civic, industrial, commercial and agricultural problem that confronts us.

We earnestly hope that you will write us freely giving us the benefit of your advice on all community needs that you will carefully study the plans of the new organization and if you believe that they are founded on fundamentally correct principles, that you will join with us in establishing a thoroughly efficient Chamber of Commerce.

Yours for the Board of Directors,
C. B. HAMILTON,
Campaign Chairman

THE PURPOSE OF THE PHYSI- CAL AND MENTAL TESTS

There has been much discussion in town in regard to the purpose of the Physical and Mental examinations being given to the children of the public schools. From a medical standpoint, perhaps, they are of no value, but from a psychological and pedagogical standpoint they are of the utmost importance. In the first place much of the backwardness and slowness on the part of the average child can be traced to some physical disability. This has been proven by examinations in Chicago, Detroit, and many of the cities of the East.

For example, we have found several children whose actual vision was only one-tenth what it normally should be, but at the same time that child did not know that there was anything wrong with his eyes, other than that they hurt him when he tried to read at night. He had never had his eyes examined, and did not know that they needed attention. He was two years older than the average boy in his room. What good was the examination? It simply told us that the boy was not dull it was simply a case of poor eyesight.

The mistaken idea seems to be that these examinations are of purely physical nature and should be given by a practicing physician. This however is not the case. These are psychological and not Medical examinations. The examination of the tonsils and adenoids are given by a graduate nurse, and afford us a good insight into the amount of retardation and backwardness that may be traced to this cause. All large school systems employ a man solely for the purpose of psychological diagnosis, in order that the child will be placed where he will get the most good out of the work, and it happens that this man is a Psychologist and not a DOCTOR.

Remember that we do not alter or treat any of these cases, and many times we do not even suggest the treatment, for we are doing it only for our information and for no other purpose, and if you desire a report on the condition of your child, if you will call us or write us we will be glad to furnish you the results of our findings.

I might add in conclusion that two different State Universities have asked for our results in these examinations, and we have received letters of commendation from several experts in this work, for our progressiveness in taking it up, and being able to carry it through ourselves. The persons who are giving these examinations have had work and experience under some of the biggest school efficiency experts in the country, and for that reason our results will be of great value.

E. W. JACKSON, Principal

"IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE"

J. H. Teague, manager of the Tucumcari Grocery Co., is well pleased with his business and while he has been making attractive prices he attributes most of his increase in business to advertising. He does not believe in "putting his light under a bushel." Friday and Saturday were his big days and his sales Saturday amounted to nearly 400 per cent more than the Saturday previous. Monday and Tuesday of this week his sales were more than 300 per cent better than the week before.

Mr. Teague took a fancy to Tucumcari when he first came here a few weeks ago, and made up his mind to remain here if he could find a suitable business. He is highly pleased with the business according his store and says the motto of the Tucumcari Grocery Co. will be "Big Sales and Small Profits."

Saturday this store gave away several fine cut-flowers. The store is kept "Spick and Span" and the show window display is changed each day by the master hand of Smith, the sign man. Mr. Teague is a firm believer in keeping everything sanitary as possible and is working hard to rightfully merit the motto "The Pure Food Store"

DEPUTY SHERIFF RUS- BY SHOTS ROBERT SPARKS--HE WILL LIVE

Las Vegas, Jan. 28.—As the result of a gun fight with Deputy Sheriff Geo. Rusby, Bob Sparks, homesteader living near Isidore, this county, was shot through the right breast, Saturday morning, and for a time it was thought he would die, but the attending physician reported today that he was out of danger.

The shooting occurred when Deputy Rusby went to the Sparks ranch Saturday morning to arrest W. J. Sparks the wounded man's father, who was wanted for assaulting R. B. Robbs, one day last fall, with a knife.

Rusby went to Isidore Friday night where he arranged for a horse Saturday morning, before it was light. Accompanied by N. J. Mitchell, who resides in the neighborhood, he rode to the Sparks place, which is located a few miles from Isidore, on the Rio Mesa. Secreting themselves in some oak bushes, near the house, they waited the coming of daylight. Just as the sun was coming up, the elder Sparks stepped out of the house for a few minutes, and went back in. Rusby noticed that although the man was only partially clad, he had a six-shooter strapped on him. This fact convinced Rusby that he had a fight on his hands.

After another half hour of waiting Mrs. Sparks, mother of the wounded man, came out of the house with a bucket and started to the home of Bob, her son, some 100 yards away. When she reached there, her son stepped outside and he, too, was armed.

At this juncture, Rusby and Mitchell stepped from their hiding and ran for the house of the elder Sparks, a distance of about 50 yards. As they crossed the open space, Bob Sparks took one shot at them, but before he could shoot a second time, his mother had grabbed him around the neck and begun screaming. The shot and the screaming attracted the older man, who opened his door just as Rusby reached it. He made a move to get his gun, but was too late as Rusby's gun was sticking in his face, so he surrendered without further resistance.

Rusby removed the old man's gun strapped it around himself, and leading his prisoner by the collar with one hand and carrying his gun in the other, started for Bob, who was still flourishing his six shooter and swearing he was going to kill somebody. Rusby and the father and mother both begged him to put down his gun, but he refused. Rusby had him covered, and told him that he did not want to kill him. At that instant Mitchell showed up some place in the background, and with an oath Sparks said "that is the I am after," and fired. Almost at the same instant Rusby shot him.

He fell, but refused assistance in getting into the house, only a few feet away, making the distance, after falling several times.

The shooting attracted neighbors, and in a few minutes several men were on the scene. A man was sent to Isidore from where a telephone message was sent to Tucumcari for a physician. Rusby, after having breakfast with his prisoner, brought him to Las Vegas.

It was very gratifying to the deputy sheriff, when word came that his victim would live.

The crime for which the elder man is wanted, was assault with a deadly weapon on R. B. Robbs. It is said that Robbs and Bob Sparks engaged in a fight, in which Sparks was getting very much the worst of it, when the father drew a knife and stabbed Robbs several times in the back. Robbs was taken to Tucumcari where he finally recovered, but the father has been in hiding and was not found by officers until Saturday.

The Sparks' are homesteaders and have little frame houses near together. Bob Sparks is unmarried.

RED CROSS NOTES

The work room of the Red Cross has been a busy place this week. Mrs. Parker of Denver is here giving valuable instruction to the patriotic ladies of Tucumcari. The work room has been a bee-hive of activities. Mrs. Parker is an expert in Red Cross work and has made many helpful suggestions.

Those in charge of the Red Cross wish to publicly acknowledge the generosity of the Pearson Lumber Co. in donating material for a work table and Mr. O. G. Reeder who skillfully manufactured the best table in the work room. We are pleased to express our appreciation to the many who have made donations to the Red Cross at various times. Among others the local papers that have given space for notices whenever asked. The Red Cross is not a select club neither is it a church, but a patriotic organization for relieving distress and every true American is eligible for membership.